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SUBJECT: BELIZE: FOLLOW-UP WITH THE FCO

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1. EMBOFFS CALLED AT THE FCO TODAY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE RECENT TALKS BETWEEN OWEN AND PRICE AND OWEN COMMENTS YESTERDAY WITH RESPECT TO BELIZE (REFTEL). FCO SOURCES INDICATED THAT PRICE'S POSITION DURING THE PRIVATE TALKS WAS VERY CLOSE TO HIS STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS YESTERDAY--PRICE IS NOW TAKING A FIRM POSITION AGAINST YIELDING ANY TERRITORY TO GUATEMALA. WE WERE TOLD THAT AT THE MOMENT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO REAL PROSPECT OF MOVING PRICE, AS HIS POSITION HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY.

PRICE SEEMS TO BE LESS INSISTENT ON INDEPENDENCE AS A GOAL IN ITSELF AND IS NOW INSISTING ON INDEPENDENCE ON HIS TERMS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE RECENT PRESS STORIES ON BELIZE AND PRICE'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS YESTERDAY, THE FCO FEELS THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WHOLE
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QUESTION HAS LED TO A CLEAR DEFINITION OF THE EXACT POSITIONS OF EACH OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE PAST DISCUSSIONS HAVE AT LEAST SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE GUATEMALANS TO REDUCE THEIR DEMANDS AND HAVE ELIMINATED ANY REAL TERRITORIAL CLAIM BY THE MEXICANS.

3. OWEN HAS NOW INDICATED THAT HE IS SATISFIED TO

CONTINUE THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING BELIZE BUT
AT THE SAME TIME HAS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CONTINUED
MOVEMENT TOWARDS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. AS FAR AS
POSSIBLE. THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY OF OWEN HIMSELF
SEEING MOLINA BUT THE DECISION WAS MADE TODAY THAT
ROWLANDS WOULD TRY TO SEE MOLINA IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK, IF THE PARLIAMENTARY SCHEDULE ALLOWS.

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